

FEDERAL INSECTICIDE, FUNGICIDE, AND RODENTICIDE ACT5-23. Research Grants and Cooperative Agreements for Research, Development, Monitoring, Public Education, Training, Demonstrations, and Studies

1. **AUTHORITY.** To approve grants and cooperative agreements to eligible recipients including other federal agencies, universities, or others, for research, development, monitoring, public education, training, demonstration and studies as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of FIFRA Section 20 and FIFRA Section 23 supplemented, as appropriate, for international awards by Section 102(2)(F) of the National Environmental Policy Act.
2. **TO WHOM DELEGATED.** Director, Land, Chemical and Redevelopment Division.
3. **LIMITATIONS.**
 - a. This authority is limited to a dollar amount established by the assistant administrator for the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention.
 - b. This authority does not include research within the purview of the Office of Research and Development. The delegated authority for research and development is limited to activities directly contributing to the implementation of the mission of the office and consistent with congressionally approved budget requests.
4. **REDELEGATION AUTHORITY.**
 - a. This authority may be redelegated to the branch chief level, or equivalent, and no further.
 - b. An official who redelegates an authority retains the right to exercise or withdraw the authority. Redelegated authority may be exercised by any official in the chain of command down to the official to whom it has been specifically redelegated.
5. **ADDITIONAL REFERENCES.**
 - a. Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreement Act of 1977, P.L. No. 95-224, as amended, 31 U.S.C. § 6301 et seq.
 - b. Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, Pub. L. No. 106-074, 113 Stat. 1081 (2000).
 - c. 40 C.F.R. Chapter 1, Subchapter B, which provides EPA's regulations on Grants and Other Federal Assistance.
 - d. 2 C.F.R. Part 200, OMB Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards; and 2 C.F.R. Part 1500, EPA's adoption and supplementation of the OMB uniform award requirements.

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- e. EPA Order series 5700, which provides EPA policies regarding assistance agreements.
- f. Delegation 1-14-A, Assistance Agreements, which delegates to the officials in the Mission Support Division the authority to take all necessary actions to award, obligate and de-obligate funds for, and administer fellowship, grant, cooperative and loan agreements, and to make any final determinations required by law or regulations, with eligible recipients.
- g. The EPA Assistance Administration Manual, including Chapter 7, Assistance to Project Activities Outside the United States, which requires OIA and State Department concurrence [Ch.7, Sub. 1(C)(2) and (3)].



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